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Chairman's report

Another year has nearly passed with some disappointing developments in the Parish.

We have now lost our remaining 2 banks and our post office facilities. Both of these events have put a great strain on the most vulnerable and less able members of our community who now struggle to carry out transactions which, up to now, have been relatively easy to do within the village. Members of the Pulborough Community Partnership are still working closely with the Post Office to find a resolution to those particular facilities but the loss of walk-in banking is an inevitable result of on-line financing I'm afraid, albeit with the consequential loss of a cash machine as well.

However, there have been some heart-warming and encouraging activities which I'm pleased to report.

The lamp post brackets were finally fixed enabling us to have a good show of hanging baskets throughout the summer. The Harvest Fair again showed how well the local people can come together to celebrate community events.

The Trim Trail is still on the agenda; it is just about finalizing the venue which now looks likely to be on the Main recreation ground rather than Cousins Way recreation ground.

The Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to Horsham District Council. It has been approved unanimously by the Parish Council and Horsham District Council will now carry out their own consultation.

As a result of cutbacks within the area policing activities, the Council will shortly be considering the introduction of Community Wardens. Whilst Community Wardens are not the Police, they do provide a reassuring uniformed patrolling presence. Their role can be wide ranging and include dealing with low level anti social behaviour, engagement with schools and youth clubs, liaison with the Police using appropriate communications, supporting the community by offering assistance to elderly, vulnerable and isolated member as well as the ability to exercise powers such as to stop cycles, to require persons aged under 18 to surrender alcohol and the power to seize tobacco from a person under 16.

The Parish Council will shortly be looking at the financial and logistical practicalities of joining with Billingshurst in taking this idea forward. There is funding available for this project but if we do, after consultation with the community, decide to go ahead, then there will need to be a small increase to our precept. Inevitably there will be an increase in your parish rates but this will be kept to the absolute minimum and in any event any increase should not exceed £4 per year for the average Band D rated property.

The Parish Council would like to hear your thoughts on this proposal. Would you be willing to see in increase in your Council Tax to pay for these Wardens? Please let us know your thoughts before 31st December by emailing clerk@pulboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their help and assistance throughout the year and wish everybody within the Parish the compliments of the season.

Ray Quasted
Chairman
Pulborough Parish Council

Forthcoming meetings:

Full Council: (preceded by short P&S Meeting)
21st January, 18th February
and 17th March 2016

Planning & Services Committee:
7th January, 4th February and
3rd March 2016

Recreation & Open Spaces Committee:
14th January, 11th February and
10th March 2016

Finance & Policy Committee:
17th December 2015, 28th January,
25th February and 24th March 2016

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Byelaws

Did you know that the Main Recreation Ground, Cousins Way Recreation Ground, Pocket Park, Masons Way play area and Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground are covered by Byelaws which are enforceable by law? Any person offending against any of the Byelaws may be removed from the Grounds by an Officer of the Council or a constable and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine.

The full bye laws can be viewed at the sports pavilion and also on the gate to the Cousins Way Recreation Ground and include, amongst others, the following prohibitions:-

- no tents or caravans
- no fires (which includes barbecues)
- no horse riding
- no golf
- no model aircraft
- no metal detectors

Allotments

The Parish Council has vacancies for its allotment site behind New Place Road.

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Roman Catholic Parish of Billingshurst with Pulborough – Church Lane, Pulborough

Tel: Fr Carl Davies 01403 782128

Email: st.gab@btinternet.com

www.st-gabriel-crispin.org.uk

24th December, 8.45pm:

Carols at St. Gabriel's, Billingshurst

9.00pm: Mass during the night, St.

Gabriel's, Billingshurst

25th December 8.30am:

Morning mass at St. Crispins, Pulborough

10.30am: Day mass at St. Gabriels,

Billingshurst

Pulborough United Reformed Church – Lower Street, Pulborough

Tel Keith Russell 01798 873174

Email: secretary@pulboroughhurc.co.uk

www.pulboroughhurc.co.uk

20th December, 10.30: Family Service

20th December, 4pm:

Carol Service at the URC joining with Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church

25th December, Christmas Day 10.00am:

A short family service for all ages.

27th December 10.30am: Morning

worship

Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church – Services in Pulborough Village Hall

Tel: Rev. David Howling 01903 741709

Email: pulboroughbaptistchurch@gmail.com

www.pulboroughbaptist.org.uk

20th December, 10.30am:

Christmas Family Service, Pulborough village hall.

20th December, 4.00pm:

Carol Service at the Pulborough URC church

25th December, 10.30am: Christmas Day Service, Pulborough Village Hall.

Parish Church of Saint Mary, Pulborough – Church Place

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Email: paulwelch@live.co.uk

www.stmaryspulborough.org.uk

6th December, 3.30pm: Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society

20th December, 2.30pm:

Service of Lessons and Carols

24th December, 5.30pm:

Crib Service and Nativity Play

11.30pm: Midnight Mass

25th December, 8am: Eucharist;

10am: PARISH EUCHARIST

31st December, 11pm: Last Eucharist

of 2015 and the Bells of Saint Mary's 'Ringing out the Old Year and ringing in the New'.

PRESCRIPTIONS

Remember, residents who attend the Wednesday Group can arrange to have their prescriptions delivered to the afternoon session.

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LOCAL ACTION TEAM

Help the Police to help you


In September, the Pulborough Local Action Team were pleased to welcome Police Community Support Officers Julie Green and Carol Boniface to their meeting. So that they and their colleagues in the police force can operate in the most efficient way possible, they need your help.

Please report any and every incident of suspicious activity or anti-social behaviour of which you are aware either by email to: horshamsouthnpt@sussex.ppn.police.uk or telephone the 101 non emergency number. If you see a crime being committed or if you feel in danger, call 999. Alternatively, you can report incidents anonymously to Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111. In this way the police can build up a dossier of information which will enable them to catch the culprits.

Have you ever been had?

Robin Hood used to rob the rich and give to the poor but modern day criminals target the vulnerable and elderly to make themselves richer. Most people will have received scam telephone calls or fake messages on their computer and hopefully they will have ignored them. But if they didn't achieve successes the villains would not continue with this method of remote control robbery.

Their methods are varied and sophisticated but if you, or anyone that you know, has been tricked or if you think a relative or a friend or a neighbour might not realise the significance of unsolicited telephone calls or computer messages and would be vulnerable to being conned please use the contact details below.

 **The Local Action Team meets monthly and acts as a link between local residents, the police force and other organisations. For further information, please contact Lawrie Ellis on 01798 874357.**

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LOCAL SCHOOLS

News from Pulborough Village Pre-School

With Christmas fast approaching, we will be learning our Nativity songs and also using lots of glitter and sparkles! Our Nativity will be on Tuesday 15th December, followed by the children's Christmas party. All the children will be taking part in the Nativity and family and friends are welcome to come along and watch. Tea and coffee will be available before the play and there will be a Raffle. Any donations of Raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. All proceeds go towards the children's entertainer and the children's gifts from Santa.

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Neighbourhood Plan update



You will recall that over the summer, residents and Consultees were invited to comment on the draft of the Pulborough Parish Neighbourhood Plan (PPNP). The comments received have been noted and assessed and the PPNP has been updated where applicable in line with the responses received. The next step is for the final Plan to be submitted to Horsham District Council (HDC) to take the process forward.

This is a major milestone after almost two years of hard work by our volunteers, and as Chair of the Steering Group I am grateful to everyone in Pulborough who has given their time and energy to help us reach this point. From the outset we have made a concerted effort to ensure that the PPNP serves the interests and reflects the views of the majority of residents of the parish, and the many thoughtful responses provided by residents to our various consultations have been extremely helpful.

The key elements of Pulborough's Neighbourhood Plan as submitted to HDC may be summarised as follows:

1. Maintain the physical separation of the parish's five settlements (Pulborough Village, Codmore Hill, Nutbourne, Marehill and North Heath) and restrict development to brownfield sites within the built-up area.

2. Deliver approximately 150 new houses across three sites and create a Community Land Trust to address local social need.
3. Develop the parish's economy and local employment by promoting the development of sites for retail, commercial and tourism use.
4. Protect and enhance the parish's heritage and rural character, not only by limiting development to brownfield sites within the built-up area but also by designating local green spaces and ensuring new developments follow design principles sympathetic to local character and setting.
5. Protect community facilities and provide for their future improvement, in particular the redevelopment of the existing Sports Pavilion.

The Steering Group and Parish Council believe the plan is a positive and well-evidenced strategy for the sustainable development of the parish. It provides a level of housing appropriate to the infrastructure and services available in the plan period, and at the same time encourages economic development to provide the employment and investment necessary to the sustainability of future growth. It protects and enhances Pulborough's rural character and heritage whilst strengthening the village's important

role as a service centre. Perhaps most importantly, we believe it promotes the interests and reflects the wishes of the majority of residents of the parish.

We encourage all residents to comment on the plan during the next 6-week statutory consultation which we expect HDC to kick off in the coming weeks. Whether you wish to express your opposition or your support, it is important that you take this opportunity to have your say as it will be your last before the plan is put to a referendum.

Richard Keatley, Chair, PPNP Steering Group

Harvest mice survey

Sussex Mammal Group (SMG) is currently undertaking a harvest mouse survey across the county to update their understanding of this species' distribution and ensure that they can focus conservation efforts in the right places. Harvest mice are the smallest UK rodent and are amazing architects – weaving themselves spherical nests from stripped grass. Their nests are characteristic, and it is these that the SMG are asking people to look out for this autumn and winter. **You can find more information about the survey and how to take part on the SMG website www.sussexmammalgroup.org.uk/harvest-mouse-survey**

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Funding has been allocated to two Local Action Groups (LAGs):

- £1.5m for the Sussex Downs & Coastal Plain LAG covering rural areas of Chichester District, Arun District and Hayling Island; and
- £1.7m for the Central Sussex LAG covering rural areas of Horsham District, Mid Sussex District and Lewes District.

Both LAGs are made up of local people and organisations with knowledge of rural issues and their communities. They will decide which projects to fund.

The process will be supported by West Sussex County Council.

The previous LEADER scheme supported 153 projects and created 141 new jobs between 2008 and 2013. The new scheme will carry on the good work from now until 2020.

West Sussex County Council Leader, Louise Goldsmith, said:

"This is fantastic news for the rural economy here in West Sussex as we know how successful and well appreciated the previous LEADER Scheme was."

"We want to get the message out to all rural businesses and to anyone thinking of

setting up their own business – we want you to apply."

"If you have an idea which you think will create a job, or benefit rural communities in any way, get in touch."

David Hurst

Chairman of Central Sussex LAG, said:

"LEADER is local people making sure that the money from Brussels goes direct to the grassroots of our countryside. Our area stretches from Pulborough in the west to Horsted Keynes in Mid-Sussex and Firlie in Lewes district. There are thousands of small businesses included there, and not just farmers and foresters. Country people making their own way, often using the products of our area, can get direct help from LEADER to provide local jobs and boost the local economy."

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